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WEATHER REPORT.

Western Oregon and Washington—Rain.
Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho—Cloudy and threatening.

THE UNBLUFFED GIRL.

That was an up-to-date, athletic American girl, in Los Angeles, who, returning from an automobile ride, found her home in possession of a bold, bad burglar, and securing two revolvers from a neighbor gave him the chase of his life and shot his hat off. The thief escaped, but that was not her fault.

Our girls should be better equipped for such emergencies than they are, and such an item as this should be so common as to fail to excite especial remark. It would be better for the girls themselves and for all concerned, in the family and out of it, if all were trained to use their nerves and hands and wits in their own behalf, and not rely altogether on some man in their own house or someone else's.

It has always been the pride of man that women-kind looked to him for protection against the rough things of life, and in the main he has responded at all times with the courage and capacity for immediate relief; but in these days when men are bound down to business schedules and time cards and the girls and women themselves are being thrust into the work-a-day world in overwhelming numbers, the opportunity for man's aid is often lost by circumstances neither can control, and the girl or woman is more often thrown on her own resources, and far too often to her immense disadvantage; therefore manual training, and acquired skill in the use of weapons has become a standard necessity for her and should be wrought into her life as one of its principal lessons and safeguards.

FLORIDA OPENS THE BALL.

The state convention of Republicans of Florida has been held; the first of the year 1908, and, by and near, it was not a very creditable example. There were knock-downs and drag-outs and a wholesale split; two separate factions, and two organizations, on the same floor, with attendant uproar and discord of all kinds. But then that is a hot latitude and much may be excused on the score of surplus heat and the peculiar aptitude of the gentlemen of the South for a scrimmage when ample cause is presented and there are enough men in the opposition to make it real interesting.

However, both factions endorsed Roosevelt and Taft, showing that they reverted, for a passing moment, to the realities of the occasion and what was expected of them by the country. The national political ball has thus been started rolling, and will continue its movement until the hours of culmination at Chicago and Denver.

COAL SURPLUS, PRICE UP.

San Francisco, and every other depot on the coast, is practically congested with surplus coal, there being 100,000 tons in excess of local demands at the Bay City; but there is no abatement of the outrageous prices that have prevailed for the past six months or more. It is but another manifestation of the cinch creed to which Americans have submitted with such dogged patience, until they are the laughing stock of creation and a reproach unto themselves, man for man.

Tariff revision, if it comes, will be a revelation to the country that will open the eyes of the multitude of

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idiots that have borne such exactions as these; and the sooner the alleged "servants of the people" in Congress get to work on it, the better. The fact that a glutted market for the commonest of staples can be maintained on all sides at famine prices, is a pointer that will not escape notice and comment; nor does it figure in this direction only. It is a fragment of the code that has built the unconscionable fortunes of the day, and set up the official and popular protests that are raging the length and breadth of the land, and which must be heeded if the Republic is to live.

THE NON-FILLABLE BOTTLE.

A young man of this city claims to have invented a non-fillable bottle (or, rather a non-refillable bottle), that can be marketed at a cost of from 4 to 4½ cents, within a fraction of the limit set by the great users of such glass commodities. We hope he has. Such inventions are epoch-making in their application to the industries and commerce of the day; and if this young glass-worker has achieved all he claims he is in line for the \$50,000, which has stood for years as the reward of such genius. It takes very practical knowledge to work out problems like this and the reward will not fall amiss whosoever it shall lodge. It is a fine incentive and should be duplicated in every instance of intense utility of this sort.

QUIET, BUT NOT DUBIOUS.

Astoria is quiet just now, but it is a quietude with nothing dubious about it; it is an expression of the annual reaction that follows the holiday season, accentuated a bit by the stringency that preceded the holidays but there is nothing acute about it.

The talk about the city and county all tends to the opening up of the mills in all directions; Seaside opened her mills yesterday; the Simpson plant is expected to re-open in a week or two at the farthest; the Tongue Point plant is again in operation, and there are rumors of resumption everywhere.

Astoria is alright; her people are practically all busy, and while industry and trade are abridged somewhat, there are general conditions that justify good cheer and plenty of it; and as the days pass and spring draws on, the word of animation and courage will take on a livelier tone and reach.

EDITORIAL SALAD

Uncle Sam's available cash balance is \$270,000,000. A rainy day needing a bigger roll would call for an ark.

A new precedent has been established by the Idaho courts, viz.: that nobody can be convicted upon the testimony of Harry Orchard.

The financial situation is rapidly clearing, with a prospect that it will shortly be better than ever. It is hard to keep a good country down.

Alliances of American fortunes with impecunious princes, counts and earls have always proved disastrous. The money might better be devoted to hospital, libraries and the good roads movement.

Congress will see that no more currency famines occur, and at the same time will take care that the money in circulation is all kept as good as gold and free from anything in the nature of wild inflation.

The Jumping Off Place.

"Consumption had me in its grasp; and I had almost reached the jumping off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now, it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles I was a well and happy man again," says George Moore, of Grimesland, N. C. As a remedy for coughs and colds and healer of weak, sore lungs and for preventing pneumonia New Discovery is supreme. 50c and \$1.00 at Charles Rogers & Son, druggists. Trial bottle free.

PREMATURE OBITUARIES.

One of the traditions of the office of the New York Herald has to do with an editor who was a great upholder of the infallibility of his paper. It simply couldn't make a mistake.

A flustered citizen once burst into his office and bustled up to the editorial desk. "See here!" he demanded. "This obituary notice. It's all wrong!"

"What's wrong about it?" asked the editor in calm confidence.

"Why, it's about me. I'm not dead!"

"If the Herald says you're dead," sternly replied the editor, "you're dead. But," he added magnanimously, "if you don't like being dead we'll print your birth notice."

His attitude was rather different from that of another editor, who, on being shown by the man most interested that the death of the complainant was falsely reported, apologized profusely and offered to make it all right.

"We'll print a correction at once," he said.

"Well," said the man who wasn't dead, "perhaps it would be better to let it stand, I'll show it to my friends when they want to borrow money." —Woman's Home Companion for February.

TEA

How little it is! How little it adds to the weight of the cup! It has covered the sea with ships for a hundred years.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Tea; we pay him

Helping Her Out.



Mrs. Henpeck—John, I wish you would give me a synonym for misery. Mr. Henpeck—What's the matter with matrimony?—New York World.

Contrawise.

"Isn't it strange that such a disturbing element as leap year should occur in the even numbers?" "Yes, it is odd."—Baltimore American.

Cause and Effect.

Hebolsaasandwichandsomebeans, Apieceortwoapple, Andgulsacupofcoffeedown, Whileyoucanbatyoureye.

Then, later on, there comes to him A very common question— He wonders how it was that he Contracted indigestion. —Milwaukee Sentinel.

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